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SUBJECT: NOVOSTI FILM ON TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION

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1. AS INDICATED REFTEL B, DEPARTMENT GRANTED APPROVAL FOR FILMING, OFFERED TO ARRANGE VISIT TO NARRAGANSETT, AND SET UP VISIT TO PRINCETON. NOVOSTI FILM CREW DID NOT REQUEST ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM DEPARTMENT. MOST OF TRIP WAS ARRANGED BY AMTORG. CREW VISITED CLEVELAND, WHICH IS IN CLOSED AREA, WITHOUT BEING REQUIRED TO REQUEST EXCEPTION. SOVEMB OFFICER TOLD DEPTOFF THAT EMBASSY AND FILM CREW WERE VERY PLEASED AND FULLY SATISFIED WITH FILM FOOTAGE (DESPITE SHORT TIME FILM CREW WAS IN US AND LIMITED ADVANCE PLANNING) AND WITH DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE. ONLY DIS-APPOINTMENT WAS INABILITY TO ARRANGE INTERVIEW WITH DR. STEVER OF NSF, WHOSE SCHEDULE DID NOT PERMIT IT. CREW HOPES ARRANGE STEVER INTERVIEW IN USSR.

2. NOVOSTI CREW SHOT FILM AND CONDUCTED INTERVIEWS AT UNCLASSIFIED

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HOUSTON MEDICAL CENTER; NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CANCER RESEARCH AND NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LUNG AND HEART IN WASHINGTON AREA; SATRA CORPORATION IN MILWAUKEE; INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER IN CHICAGO; NATIONAL ACCELERATOR LABS IN

BATAVIA NEAR CHICAGO; CRANE COMPANY IN CLEVELAND; AMERICAN
-SOVIET TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL IN NEW YORK; AND
NATIONAL PLASMA LAB AT PRINCETON. INTERVIEWS WERE WITH
OFFICIALS AT LABS, INSTITUTES AND CORPORATIONS, AND
WITH SOVIET SPECIALISTS WORKING ON JOINT PROJECTS. US
CO-CHAIRMAN KENDALL WAS INTERVIEWED AT TRADE AND ECONOMIC
COUNCIL.

3. SOVEMB WAS RECEPTIVE TO REQUEST BY DEPTOFF TO VIEW
FILM. HOWEVER, AS IT WAS TO BE EXPORTED TO USSR UNDE-
VELOPED AND UNEDITED, WE WERE UNABLE TO VIEW IT HERE.
EMBASSY MAY WISH ASK NOVOSTI TO SCREEN FILM, WITHOUT,
OF COURSE, ANY SUGGESTION THAT WE WISH TO EDIT OR
CENSOR IT. WE UNDERSTAND FOOTAGE OF DR. LOEBNER IS
IN FILM.

4. CBS IS SEEKING APPROVAL OF SOVIET GOVERNMENT THROUGH
SOVEMB (PRESS COUNSELOR KAMENEV) FOR SHOOTING FILM IN
USSR IN SEPTEMBER. WRITER AND PRODUCER IS ANDY ROONEY
(FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH 60 MINUTES TV PROGRAM), AND
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IS JOE COHEN (MIT PROFESSOR WHO
WAS ASSOCIATED WITH CITIZEN EXCHANGE CORPS FOR SEVERAL
YEARS). NATURE OF PROPOSED FILM IS NOT VERY PRECISELY
DEFINED, BUT IT WOULD BE ESSENTIALLY A MAN-IN-STREET
DOCUMENTARY OF LIFE IN USSR, INCLUDING SMALL TOWNS. CBS
IS CHARY OF ASSOCIATING WITH USG IN FILM PROJECT AND
HOPES OBTAIN APPROVAL WITHOUT DEPARTMENT OR EMBASSY FACI-
LITATION. HOWEVER, ROONEY AND COHEN MAY CALL UPON US
FOR ASSISTANCE IF APPROVAL IS NOT RECEIVED NEXT WEEK AS
EXPECTED.

5. ABC CALLED DEPT. AUGUST 13 TO ASK FOR COPY OF CLOSED
ZONE MAP OF USSR IN CONNECTION WITH PLAN BY JAMES
FLEMING TO DO EXTENSIVE DOCUMENTARY ON USSR. PLANS
APPEAR TO BE IN VERY PRELIMINARY STAGE, BUT WE HAVE
IMPRESSION THAT FLEMING IS IN TOUCH WITH SOVIETS ABOUT HIS
INTENTIONS, WHICH INLCUDE EARLY TRIP TO USSR. ABC SAID
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IT WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH DEPT AS PLAN DEVELOPS.

6. IF SOVIETS APPEAR FORTHCOMING AND COOPERATIVE ON
EITHER OF ABOVE PROJECTS, THIS COULD LEAD TO REOPENING
OF ROMAN KARMEN PROPOSAL. KISSINGER

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